

In the Claims:

1. (currently amended) A method for operating a windmill where a primary generator is driven by the windmill rotor, possibly by a gear mechanism, with constant or approximately constant rpm, ~~characterised in that~~ disposed between the rotor of the windmill and the primary generator ~~there is disposed~~ an apparatus comprising a slip generator and a frequency converter or resistor adapted thereto, and which ~~may~~ transmits the torque to the primary generator with an ~~certain~~ amount of slip, and wherein the power coming from the slip ~~may be~~ is regenerated to the electric network via the slip generator and the frequency converter or ~~may be~~ deposited via the resistor as heat at an optional location, wherein the power coming from the slip between the windmill rotor and the primary generator is delivered to the electric network by the frequency converter.

2. (currently amended) A method according to claim 1, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the torque in the apparatus is regulated in such a way that the total power output from the windmill is kept constant over a ~~certain~~ range of slip.

3. (currently amended) A method according to claim 1, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the apparatus is operated both as motor and as generator.

4. (cancelled) without prejudice and added to claim 1.

5. (currently amended) A method according to claim 1, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the slip between the windmill rotor and the primary generator has magnitude from -50 %

to +50 %.

6. (currently amended) A method according to claim 4, ~~e-h-a-r-a-c-t-e-r-i-s-e-d-i-n-t-h-a-t~~ wherein the frequency converter of the apparatus is temporarily disconnected from the apparatus and is used by synchronising the primary generator to the electric network.

7. (currently amended) A method according to claim 1, ~~e-h-a-r-a-c-t-e-r-i-s-e-d-i-n-t-h-a-t~~ wherein the resistor is used in designs with ~~little~~ less slip for preventing torsion oscillations ~~and the like.~~

8. (currently amended) A windmill where a primary generator is driven by the rotor of the windmill, possibly with a gear mechanism, with constant or approximately constant rpm, ~~e-h-a-r-a-c-t-e-r-i-s-e-d-i-n-t-h-a-t~~ disposed between the rotor and the primary generator ~~there is disposed~~ an apparatus comprising a slip generator and ~~the~~ a frequency converter or resistor adapted thereto, and which ~~may~~ transmits the torque to the primary generator with an ~~certain~~ amount of slip, and wherein the power coming from the slip ~~may be~~ is regenerated to the electric network via the slip generator and the frequency converter or ~~may be~~ deposited via the resistor as heat at an optional location, wherein the apparatus is a synchronous generator mounted on the shaft of the primary generator.

9. (cancelled) without prejudice and added to claim 8.

10. (currently amended) A windmill according to claim 8, ~~e-h-a-r-a-c-t-e-r-i-s-e-d-i-n-t-h-a-t~~ wherein the apparatus is

arranged ~~so that it may~~ to function either as motor, as generator, or both as motor and generator.